

RAVALLI COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

The Ravalli County Airport Advisory Board met on this date at 2 p.m. in the County Commissioners meeting room.

Members attending: Dave Hedditch, Chairman; Fred Hasskamp, Vice-Chairman; Tex Irwin, Treasurer; Judith Stewart, Secretary; Jim Trowbridge; Carl Fox; Beth Perkins; and Frank Kucera.

Others: Kathleen Driscoll, County Commissioner Liaison; Page Gough, Airport Manager; Bill Stewart, Willow Aviation; Steve Wolters, North Star Aviation; Dave Beckett, Hamilton Aviation; Laurie Kelly, D.V.M.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the business of the Airport Advisory Board.

Dave Hedditch, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 13 AND 26, 2008: The Minutes of August 6, 13 and 26 were reviewed by members and passed unanimously with the following correction. *Klarryse was misspelled. She is also the Internal Auditor.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Treasurer's report as the budget has not been confirmed yet.

Commissioner Grandstadt was on hand to request information from the Board with regard to rules, regs or any other information she may bring to the City County meeting September 18th where they are going to discuss the FlatIron annexation. The Commissioners has 2 concerns: major road issues and airport issues. Dave assured Commissioner Grandstadt would have the information in time for the meeting. Members thanked Carlotta for her help. She was informed, along with Kathleen that the new runway will not be any heavier so bigger jets will not be able to land. Also there are State and Federal guidelines she will need to present at the meeting. She then left the meeting.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT: Page gave the following report:

- Page has been in contact with M&M and the EA is completed. It should be delivered to the FAA tomorrow. Once completed it will be scanned in on M&M's website and be available for public comment. Dave said he had conversed with Styba and after the Feds look it over, they will make recommendations, then back to M&M for corrections and then back to FAA. Styba stated to Dave he was not sure if would be ready in two weeks. However, the EA is based on Alternative Form # 4 which is to move the runway 400 feet to the East and; 600 feet to the north with an increased length of 1000 feet or a 5200 foot runway. If the Commissioner's do not accept Alternative # 4, a new EA will have to be done.
- Ty Belford will be here September 8th to do the frequency change. They will do the quarterly AWOS report at the same time. Dave gave all the reason for the separate frequency.

- The Gun Club was going to begin mining the lead, but weather has postponed the process. While doing this there will be a camper on site.
- Page is planning on attending the airport conference in Lewistown this weekend.
- The airport made \$96 during the Skydivers "Boogie" this weekend. When there was a concern brought to Page's attention, Deb took care of it right away.
- No fire season this year.
- Ray Meaks and Dennis Moore still complaining about noise.
- He presented the Board with a new lease request. It will be a 70x70 hanger in site 288. (South of Schwab's hangar). Owner: Joe Graziano. They are also requesting a holding tank and well. It will be white with green trim. It will be 24 feet high according to the temporary plans presented to the Board. *A motion was made and seconded that the Board recommend to the Commissioners that they accept the lease request to include a well and holding tank depending on approval by the Sanitarian. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.*
- Page trying to set up a meeting with Dave Onstadt of the Road Department to discuss the parking between Hamilton Aviation and the Forest Service.
- R&R Conner Aviation has inquired about a hangar at the north end of the field for a helicopter. They have a helicopter parked in a southwest location now. Page will speak to them.
- A new subdivision is going in next to Kratofil's. Page to speak with them.

CHAIRMAN/MEMBER DISCUSSION:

- Fred brought up the question of whether Max Martz restaurant sign could be taken down. Members were informed that Page has inquired of him and was told it was on private property. Members discussed the fact that it is discouraging to people to drive down there and find the restaurant not open. Also the sign above the restaurant regarding Arrivals and Departures is deceptive.
- Members discussed the need for more ramp space and space for both FBO's. We are going to try to rent ramp space by the square foot instead of tie downs. This would be helpful for Page not to try to collect tie down fees. The FBO's would have so many square feet and they could rent or not. A lengthy discussion followed with it being tabled until the next meeting. Tex and Carl were delegated to work with the FBO's and come up with a plan by the next meeting. *This has been going on far too long. We need to come up with an agreement that all can live with.*
- Members discussed Montana Code and Federal Codes that deal with the airport. We must protect the airport and these subdivisions should be required to take these codes into consideration. The C commissioner's could adopt the airport affected area.
- We discussed the amended Flight Plan to be used at the airport. Cliff has stated he can live with this pattern. The other pattern was too tight for his students.
- Dave spoke with Styba with regard to Brian Dunlop's statement that the "money is in the bank" for the moving of the runway. Styba stated "we have not money and I am not sure I will have a job at the end of this month."
- Steve reported there is no news on the fuel spill. He is waiting for the lab report.
- Page reported that things are getting friendlier at the airport.

- There will be a FAA Safety meeting September 24 at 7 p.m. at the Commissioner's meeting room. We hope many will attend.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Airport Advisory Board will be October 1 at 2 p.m. in the Commissioner's meeting room.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Judith Stewart, Secretary